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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate  
Armed Services Committee, re DCI Retirement

1. In a conversation today Braswell said he understood Mr. Schlesinger was going to Mississippi to formally tell Senator Stennis of his prospective appointment as DCI. He also commented that Secretary Richardson had just gone to Mississippi for the same purpose. He remarked that it had been originally planned that the President would call Senator Stennis regarding the Schlesinger appointment but after an initial feeler by Tom Korologos, of the White House staff, it appeared that Senator Stennis was far from enthusiastic about the change and it was decided to send Schlesinger down to personally sell himself to Stennis.

2. Braswell said that Stennis would not be at all enthusiastic about Schlesinger's appointment but on the principle of the President's right to pick his own team he would not try to block it. STATINTL

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